REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-25 and 28-46 are cancelled. Claims 26-27 are pending. Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is now in condition for examination on the merits. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

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